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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

We are not down to the "last leaf upon the tree" but are heading in that direction. From the window in My Den, there is a blaze of fall color. Solid green cedars, a lighter green among the pines, and a range of yellow, orange, red, brown among the oaks. My lone maple is taking the lead in the fall parade. I am too lazy to rake leaves, but around town there are spots where leaf raking is a "must." Oakleigh Avenue is typical, on the northeast side of Confederate Boulevard. Please obey the law as to outdoor burning.

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Full moon Wednesday of this week. November anxiously awaits around the corner. But the Hallowed Eve Before All Saints Day comes first. Watch out for roving "spooks" Monday night.

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Time to plant flower bulbs and I have not started. But I did note in one flower catalog that daffodils were listed at $24.75 per bushel.

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ACHS has an open date this week in football. The team is looking up and has a chance for more wins than losses this year. The schedule gap will be filled by an alumni game Friday night. I note that an open date in the schedule is quite common and provides an opportunity for injuries to heal, muscles to relax and appraisement of personnel and the "play book." University of Virginia and University of Richmond fans are especially happy this week, Virginia getting a first win of the season and Richmond making it two years in a row over Va. Tech. It appears to me that field goals are increasingly important this year. And it also appears that reporters and coaches are over-working the word "mistakes." Every Monday we read about groans of "we made too many mistakes." If your pass is intercepted it does not necessarily mean a "mistake." The artificial turf was slippery, or your opponent was swifter and got there first. Does not have to be a "mistake." It is part of the game and helps make it thrilling to watch. In few sports do the performers put out more super effort than in football. In a lighter vein, I made a note that Appomattox might try to get the Goodyear Blimp to pass over during a home game.

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A report from Richmond discusses the approaching hunting season in Virginia. Game laws are not the same over all the state, so know what you are doing. And where. Seems that deer are abundant and a big harvest is expected. Supply of quail about normal and the totals on rabbits will drop right after Lloyd Vaughan and son, Bill, take to the fields. Only time in my life I ever fired a gun was fruitless. Had been invited to hunt marsh birds and for three hours looked in vain, whereupon I aimed the gun straight up and pulled the trigger and than came home.

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Tidbit of History. The only police officer in Gettysburg, Pa. in 1863 when Gen. Lee and the Army of Northern Virginia invaded the area, was John Burns, Constable. His weapon was an old gun from the War of 1812. But he was a good police officer, dedicated to peace and order and he attempted to arrest the first soldiers who approached. The Yankees let him march along with them when they went out to enjoin battle. Burns did not return. (If you want more detail . . . Burns had been in the Seminole and Mexican Wars, too, and was a shoemaker by trade. The town square was called The Diamond. When soldiers approached, Burns rang the fire bell.)

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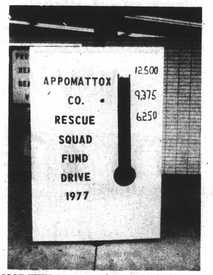
Thanks for reading. And for the more than usual number of phone calls recently. Seeya next week.



ALMOST THERE - The marker showing amount collected thus far toward the $12,500.00 goal set for the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Fund Drive this year has moved up to nearly $12,000.00.

With a little over $500.00 to go, members are very optimistic at this time and feel confident that the goal will be reached before the end of October. If you have not made your contribution and would like to do so, given donations to any member of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad or mail into Appomattox County Rescue Squad Fund Drive, Box 57, Appomattox, Va. 24522

To Preach Homecoming Message At Liberty Baptist Church

Liberty Baptist Church in Appomattox will have its Homecoming - Harvest Day and Old Fashioned Day on Sunday, October 30.

Rev. Robert L. Alderman, pastor of Shenandoah Baptist Church in Roanoke and a former pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, will be guest speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Members of the church are asked to come to all services and to be dressed old-fashioned.

An attendance goal of 435 has been set for Sunday School and a Harvest Day offering goal of $25,000.00 to be used for the Building and Organ Fund has also been set. The church voted several months ago to award a contract for $130,000.00 for church renovation and expansion and also voted to purchase a 310 Allen Digital Computer organ for $20,000.00. At present the church has approximately $40,000.00 in the building fund and $1,600.00 in the organ fund. The Harvest Day offering has been extended through December 31st.

Following the morning worship service there will be dinner served for all wishing to attend in the church fellowship hall. Everyone attending is urged to bring a picnic basket and join in the fellowship.

The former pastors have been invited to attend and have a part in the afternoon service which starts at 1:30 p.m. with a period of good old fashioned gospel singing by various groups in the church.

All friends and former members are invited to attend any and all of these services.

Rev. Robert L. Alderman

Gospel Sing To Benefit Gillaspie-Gallier Family

The Fellowship Four and Jackie along with The Singing Christians will sponsor a Gospel Sing on Sunday, November 6, 1977 at 2:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County High School to benefit Connie Gillaspie Gallier and her family Dallas, Virginia and Karen Gillaspie.

Mrs. Gallier and part of her family are still in Washington State where she recently underwent a bone marrow Transplant. She is reported to be in very good condition and the transplant, donated by her sister, Karen, was successful.

A love offering will be taken and given to the family.

photo by Joe Vaughan

CROWNED HOMECOMING QUEEN

Miss Karen Gillaspie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Gillaspie of Concord, was crowned Homecoming Queen Friday night during half-time activities at the Appomattox County High School Raider-Liberty football game.

Karen was one of three candidates for Homecoming Queen. Also competing for the title were Rindy Lawson and Shelly Davidson.

Football Contest Winners Announced

Winners in the weekly Football Contest sponsored by the area businesses have been announced by the TIMES-VIRGINIAN for last week's contest.

With a total of a possible 23 games to predict correctly, there was a three-way tie for first place with three persons each predicting 20 of the 23 games correctly. Jerry Mitchell, Jeff Martin, and Twyman Coleman, all of Appomattox, tied with 20 correct predictions.

Going to the Tie-Breaker for winners, Jeff Martin, giving Appomattox a 9 point win over Liberty, is the first place winner for the contest. He will receive a check in the amount of $10.00 as his prize from the TIMES-VIRGINIAN. Twyman Coleman, giving Appomattox a 7 point edge over Liberty, is winner of second place and the TIMES-VIRGINIAN will give him a check in the amount of $5.00 as his prize.

In this contest it was interested to note that from "a big stack of entries in the contest" only two people picked Liberty to win over the Raiders.

Be sure to enter the contest this week and get your entries into this newspaper early . . . you just may be the winner next time!

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Proposed Flood Elevation For County

Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations listed below for selected locations in Appomattox County.

These base (100-year) flood elevations are the basis for the flood plain management measures that the community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The period for comment will be thirty (30) days following the second publication of this proposed rule in a newspaper of local circulation in the above-named county.

Maps and other information showing the detailed outlines of the flood-prone areas and the proposed base (100-year) flood elevations are available for review at the Appomattox Town Office or the Appomattox Clerk's Office.

Send comments to W. R. Britton, Jr., Special Projects Secretary to the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors, P. O. Box 705, Appomattox, VA 24522.

For further information, contact Mrs. Richard Krimm, Assistant Administrator, Office of Flood Insurance, Room 5270, 451 Seventh St., SW, Washington, D.C. 20410, or call toll free (800) 424-8872.

The proposed base (100-year) flood elevations for selected locations are: James River, U. S. Route 60, confluence of Wreck Island Creek, Confluence of Little Buffalo Creek, 564.0 feet.

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PARENTS INVITED TO VISIT SCHOOLS - NOV. 4

Students will not attend school on Friday, November 4. This date is included in the school calendar for school personnel and parents.

School personnel will participate in inservice activities during the morning. From 1 to 3:30 p.m. parents are invited to visit the schools. This is an opportunity for parents to meet the teachers of their children, to observe the facilities and environment within the schools and to learn about the school program. If a parent desires to have a conference with a teacher, this opportunity will be provided. In some instances, teachers may contact parents and request a conference.

The principals and teachers of the respective schools look forward to meeting many parents on November 4.

SUPERVISORS CHANGE DATE FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will meet on Thursday, the 10th day of November, 1977 at 9 a.m. at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County.

The meeting is changed for one month only. The regular meeting date for the Board is the second Friday of each month.

3rd Annual Alumni Football Set For Friday Night

The 3rd Annual Alumni Football game will be played at the stadium on Confederate Boulevard at AMS at 8 p.m. on Friday night. Teams will be made up of graduates of even years against graduates of odd years at Appomattox High School and Appomattox County High School.

Two games have been played in this series, and the score is tied - one game for the even year team and one game for the odd year team. This will, or should be the tie breaker!

Admission will be $2.00 at the gate. Students can obtain student tickets for $1.00 at the schools on Friday. No "passes" will be honored at this game.

All proceeds will go to buy the best in athletic equipment for the athletic program in the school system. Come out, see a good game and help the athletic program at the same time.

Mike George will coach the Even Year Team and Bobby Layne will coach the Odd Year Team.

Playing Friday night for the Odd Year Team will be Bill Austin, Kent Hancock, Dennis Totty, Tommy Bryant, Tommy O'Brien, Bobby Layne, Jimmy

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Real Estate Reassessment Facts

Because of confusion and misunderstanding relating to the Real Estate Reassessment in the State of Virginia, the County Board of Supervisors realizes the necessity of informing the Citizens of Appomattox County of certain facts regarding the reassessment program according to Supervisor J. M. Cobb, Jr., chairman of Appomattox County Board.

The State Law required reassessment of all real estate at 100% of fair market value, to be completed prior to January 1, 1978. The Appomattox County Board of Assessors, comprised of three citizens and the County Reassessment Officer, began in 1976 to reassess the County of Appomattox property, in compliance with the State Law.

As the result of this, the Citizens of Appomattox County have received a "Notice of Change in Real Estate Assessed Value". This notice was intended to inform you, the property owner, of the new assessed fair market value of your property, which will be used as the tax basis for 1978. The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors will levy a new tax rate in the Spring of 1978. The current rate of $3.50 per hundred, which was based upon the old values, will no longer be used. You will be informed of the new rate after it has been determined.

If you have questions or wish to meet with the Board of Assessors, please call the Reassessment Officer, Wayne Maness, at 352-7065. The Reassessment Office is located in the Court House Square.

AMERICAN LEGION TO HONOR THEIR BASEBALL TEAM

American Legion Post 104 will be sponsoring a banquet for their baseball team at the Legion Home at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 5, 1977.

The American Legion Post 104 team was co-champions of the 10th District.

Guest speaker for the evening will be Al Worthington, baseball coach for Liberty Baptist College and a former pitcher for the New York Giants.

Any parents, grandparents, relatives, Legion members, and friends who would like to attend are asked to contact Ronald Spiggle or Ivy Holland no later than Nov. 3, 1977.

The banquet will be catered by John Mosby Inn Restaurant.

Dance-A-Thon To Benefit March of Dimes

November 12, 1977 will be a very special day for many citizens of Appomattox County. The Appomattox County High School Future Business Leaders and Future Homemakers of America are sponsoring a Dance-A-Thon and a Rock-A-Thon to raise badly needed funds to combat birth defects. The two events are 16 hours long, with a one-hour break given to each participant. The Dance-A-Thon, which will be held in the Appomattox County High School cafeteria, will be

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ROCKS BAPTIST CHURCH TO CELEBRATE 205th ANNIVERSARY WITH HOMECOMING

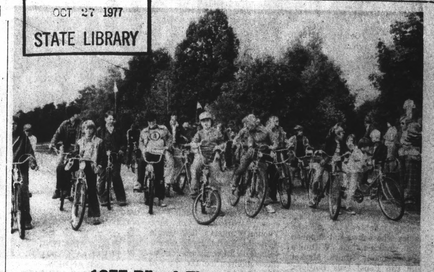
Rocks Baptist Church will celebrate its 205th Anniversary with Homecoming at the church in Pamplin on Sunday, October 30, 1977.

The church is located on Road 620, Pamplin, just off Highway 460.

Morning worship service will begin at 11 a.m. and will be followed by dinner on the grounds furnished by the ladies of the church.

Afternoon services will begin at 2 p.m. with Special Music and brief talks by former pastors.

Lots of things will be happening at Rocks Baptist Church Sunday that you will enjoy. Come on out!



1977 Bike-A-Thon Held Sunday

Despite the cool weather, clouds and one postponement, many riders enjoyed an afternoon of bicycle riding Sunday to raise funds for the American Cancer Society. Local residents (approximately 30) raised about $1500.00 by riding and completing the 10-mile course. As usual, there were many volunteers and lots of refreshments on hand.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday at 6:45 p.m. in the Appomattox County High School cafeteria.

The 38th Annual Charter and Ladies Night will be observed at this meeting.

The program for the evening will be presented by Mrs. Mary G. Parlier, Bedford, who will present a musical program which will cover music in America for the past 200 years. She has presented this program in Roanoke, Blacksburg, and many other places in Virginia. She will be accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Betty Synan.

After the dinner, the meeting will adjourn to the auditorium for the program. During this meeting, two charter members, W. M. Abbitt and C. G. O'Brien, will be honored.

You will not want to miss this meeting of the Lions Club.

Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District Work Reviewed

The Robert E. Lee Soil & Water Conservation District reviewed the conservation work conducted by the USDA Soil Conservation Service and the potential for conservation work in the district. Eroding cropland is the major source of erosion and stream pollution in Appomattox County. Rented cropland is often mismanaged and results in greater soil losses. The district discussed ways of encouraging farmers to voluntarily practice soil and water conservation. Soil conservation is economically beneficial to the farmer. By minimizing runoff, water is conserved as well as the fertile topsoil.

Bob McCleany, Conservationist with the USDA Soil Conservation Service, reported that field work has been completed on the National Erosion Inventory. The erosion inventory was based on 16 random sample units of 100 acres each or 7% of the county. In addition to determining the amount of active erosion, the inventory will indicate woodland and pastureland with cropland potential. About 30% of the land sampled was privately owned woodland with potential for cropland, but conversion to cropland is unlikely. Much of the soil that has suitable topography is high in soluble aluminum and requires heavy applications of lime and fertilizer for crop production.

The erosion inventory also considers the streams and ponds available for agriculture. Dependable water supply is another factor limiting production.

Engineering assistance for farm ponds can be provided by SCS at no cost to the farmer. Ponds should be built this fall or next spring to assure filling before summer. There were three ponds completed in Appomattox County during the last month.

Conservation in the Upper Appomattox Watershed will be stressed during the coming year.

Lions To Sell Fruit Cakes

Fruit cakes that are sold annually by members of the Appomattox Lions Club have arrived and will sell for $4.50 for the three-pound cake.

Members are asked to contact Robert W. Carter, Chairman of the fruit cake sales, at his office and let him know the number of cakes you will need. He will deliver, if necessary.

Shown above left to right: President of Career Council, Mr. Gary Gronewag, Director of Admissions at Longwood College, Loretta Lettner, David Eye, Sheena Watts, Mark Paulette, Beth Snook.

ACHS CAREER COUNCIL PRESENTS CAREER ASSEMBLY

The Career Council of Appomattox County High School presented its first Career Assembly of the 1977-78 school term on Wednesday, October 19. The assembly featured Mr. Gary Gronewag, Director of Admissions and Co-ordinator of Financial Aid, at Longwood College. Questions pertaining to college applications and financial aid were presented to Mr. Gronewag by a panel of students from the Career Council. The students participating in the presentation of questions were David Eye, a senior; Loretta Lettner, a senior; Mark Paulette, a sophomore; and Sheena Watts, a senior. The assembly was co-ordinated by Beth Snook, a senior, and presented under the direction of the Guidance Department. Thanks are extended by the Council to all who helped make the first Career Assembly a very informative one.